

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

AUBREY TAYLOR,

Plaintiff,

v.

SARA BLOND, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C23-1717-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's filing titled "Emergency Request of the Court" (Dkt. No. 36). Within it, Plaintiff complains about his inability to litigate the case due to his incarceration, but otherwise fails to articulate any specific relief he seeks from the Court. (*See generally id.*) Moreover, to the extent he does request specific relief, Plaintiff still fails to provide a proper basis for his requests. For instance, Plaintiff requests that all court documents sent to him be stamped with "a legal mail notice" on the outside envelope. (*Id.* at 1.) However, "[m]ail from the courts, as contrasted to mail from a prisoner's lawyer, is not legal mail." *Keenan v. Hall*, 83 F.3d 1083, 1094 (9th Cir. 1996). As court documents are not "legal mail," the Court declines to grant Plaintiff's request that the Court stamp "legal mail" on the outside envelope of Court mailings. Similarly, Plaintiff "asks the court to appoint civil counsel in this matter as soon as

1 possible.” (*Id.* at 4.) However, Plaintiff does not have a constitutional right to appointed counsel in  
2 this action, nor has he articulated “exceptional circumstances” that warrant appointment of counsel  
3 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). *Rand v. Roland*, 113F.3d 1520, 1525 (9th Cir. 1997),  
4 *overruled on other grounds*, 154 F.3d 952 (9th Cir. 1998). As such, the Court declines to grant  
5 Plaintiff’s request for appointed counsel.

6 Finally, Plaintiff seeks an “[e]xtension of time due to compelling circumstances,” yet  
7 does not specify for what deadline he seeks the extension. (*See id.* at 2.) Nevertheless, given that  
8 objections to the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of the Honorable David W. Christel,  
9 U.S. Magistrate Judge, were due on September 30, 2024, (*see generally* Dkt. No. 35), which is  
10 the same day Plaintiff appears to have mailed out his “emergency request,” (*see* Dkt. No. 36 at  
11 5), the Court will construe Plaintiff’s submission as a motion for an extension of time to object to  
12 the R&R. The Court GRANTS the motion. The date by which Plaintiff must file his objections to  
13 Judge Christel’s R&R is hereby extended from September 30, 2024, to October 28, 2024. The  
14 Clerk is DIRECTED to re-note Judge Christel’s R&R (Dkt. No. 35) to October 28, 2024.

15 DATED this 7th day of October 2024.

16 Ravi Subramanian  
17 Clerk of Court

18 s/Kathleen Albert  
19 Deputy Clerk